

Rule. "It is easy for a crowd to cheer for Parnell's name in New York," he continued, "and say that they will stick him to the death; but it is not so easy for a crowd in New York to see the misery and starvation which stares thousands of Irish peasants in the face, with the prospect that police clubbing and imprisonment and the most cruel forms of Tory persecution will continue for an indefinite number of years if Parnell still continues his policy of dividing the people of Ireland and inciting them to do battle with each other, so that his own personal ambition may be gratified." Mr. Dillon said yesterday that there were now and had not been from the beginning a shadow of doubt that Sir John Pope Hennessy would be elected by an overwhelming majority. "He matters what Mr. Parnell says or does," he added, "he knows well that he cannot remain leader and hope to win Home Rule, and I have no doubt that when he learns the result of the Kilkenny election, he will be in a frame of mind more nearly approaching the truth than any man who characterized him up to the beginning of this trouble."

J. P. O'Connor continues to receive letters and dispatches from England, Ireland and Scotland, commanding the course of the men who have elected Justin McCarthy as their leader.

THE FIRE RECORD.**DRIVEN OUT BY FLAMES.**

TWELVE FAMILIES FLEE FROM FIRE AND WATER IN AN APARTMENT HOUSE.

A fire broke out in the five-story brick apartment house, No. 2,731 Eighth Avenue, near one-hundred-and-forty-first-st., at about 3 p. m. yesterday. The fire was first discovered in the rooms of a Mr. Kohlman who lived on the fourth floor with his wife and four children. Mrs. Kohlman upon discovering the smoke ran into the apartment of her neighbor, Mrs. Ulmer, crying fire. Mr. and Mrs. Alterer and nine other families in the house were alarmed and made their way to the street. The flames were soon bursting out of the fourth-story windows and spread rapidly to the floor of the fifth story, and from there to the roof.

The flames were communicated to the building No. 2,720 by means of the air-shaft between the two buildings, damaging the household property of several families in amounts ranging from \$75 to \$1,500. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, who live on the fifth floor over the rooms where the fire broke out, lost furniture worth \$1,000, which was insured for \$700.

Three alarms were sent out, as the fire had made its appearance before the firemen arrived, and it was feared that it might spread to the surrounding houses. Nine families had no insurance and their losses by fire and water was estimated at from \$200 to \$1,000 each. The building is owned by F. Schuhmacher, who is insured for \$1,000. The damage to the building it was said would amount to \$6,000.

BURNING OF A RAILWAY ROUNDHOUSE.

THREE LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED—LOSS ESTIMATED AT FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Fire broke out in the roundhouse of the Long Island Railroad, at Whitestone, about 2 p. m. yesterday, and, despite the heroic efforts of the firemen, assisted by the railroad employes, the building was burned to the ground. A strong wind was blowing at the time and for nearly four hours the blaze lit up the surrounding country and was watched with great interest by an immense crowd of spectators. Several locomotives were run out and saved, though the firemen and railroad men had to make their way through dense clouds of blinding smoke.

Three locomotives were completely destroyed before they could be moved. They are originated in a shed erected in the rear of the roundhouse, and is believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, covered by insurance.

A BIG BLAZE IN A BUSINESS BUILDING.

Two alarms were rung at 3 a. m. yesterday for a fire in the top of the six-story building at No. 160 William-st., which also has a front at No. 77 Anstr. The flames were discovered in the fifth story, which contained a large quantity of paper stock belonging to Ham & Parsons, manufacturing stationers, and the highly combustible material made a big blaze. On account of the height to which it was necessary to throw water the firemen encountered a difficult task, but they succeeded in confining it to the fifth and sixth stories. Water flooded the lower part of the building and the walls were coated with ice.

Hard & Parsons said their stock in the building was valued at \$40,000, but the estimate of their loss was \$5,000. It was fully covered by insurance. A large part of the firm's stock was on the second floor of the building. A. Langham had a book bindery on the fifth floor and his loss was about \$2,000, covered by insurance. The stock in Charles Colby's small paper box factory on the same floor was also damaged. Peter De Baum & Co., printers, occupied the third and fourth floors, and their loss by water was said to be fully \$1,000. The stock of Barnard & Scamell, dealers in plumbers' supplies, on the first floor, was damaged to the extent of \$500. Koch's Sons, of Pearl-st., own the building, which can be repaired for \$1,000.

The cause of the fire was not known, but it may have started from a stove in the rear of the fifth story. Nobody was in the building when the flames were discovered.

A SLIGHT FIRE IN FIFTH-AVE.

The firemen were called to the brownstone house, No. 506 Fifth-ave., yesterday afternoon, to extinguish a fire that had started in a closet in the basement. The flames were easily put out, and the damage was slight. George M. Sturges occupies the house.

FOUR HORSES BURNED TO DEATH.

Forty horses, valued at \$7,000, were burned in a fire at the sales stable of Underhill & Denison, at No. 1,175 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, last evening. Some wagons, harness and other articles were also destroyed. The loss upon the building, owned by Mrs. Dunn, of Jamaica, L. I., was about \$500. The cause of the fire is not known.

AN \$80,000 BLAZE IN CAMDEN.

Canden, N. J., Dec. 20.—The large plating mill and coach and door factory of William C. Schneider & Sons, in this city, was destroyed by fire to-night, together with a stable and a lumber yard adjoining. The loss is estimated at \$80,000; insurance, \$45,000.

A \$500,000 FIRE IN AMSTERDAM.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—Afterberg & Co.'s enormous oil depot in this city was burned to-day. The loss is placed at \$500,000.

NICKEL IN THE SLOT OPERA GLASSES.

From the Jewelers' Circular.

Dr. F. Ogden Stan said in the course of a conversation at the office of the Spencer Optical Manufacturing Company a few days ago, that the introduction of the drop-down slot opera glasses, to injure the eyes of the users than any one thing. These opera glasses are worth about \$15 per pair, and are infinitely more popular than any other. This however, is of not so much importance to the public as the injurious and dangerous diseases that may be taken from our user to the other. The slot opera glasses, for instance, the user of eyeglasses may be contracted by bringing the eye contact with towels, handkerchiefs, or anything the amateur may have used around the eyes. When then, would be the effect of such contact with a disease of the eyes? These opera glasses, and a pair of the slot opera adheres to the eye-piece, and to narrow sight it comes in contact with a healthy eye. Consequently, the user of eyeglasses could be left with an unhealthy eye! It is useless for me to answer these questions. Dr. Noyes, C. H. children with eyeglasses, and avoided from touching the basis for fear that water will be contaminated and through these thereby converted to others, and the amateur may have used around the eyes. When then, would be the effect of such contact with a disease of the eyes?

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Referring to the Indian Commission of Seven, of which he was one appointed by act of Congress in 1861, General Sherman said that the negotiations made by them with the different branches of the Sioux and other Indians were just and equitable and generous. He continued:

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Trachoma or granulated eye is an infectious disease of the eyes. Drs. Fox and Gould say in their book of the eye that "maturing fatigued vessels" are the cause of this malady.

It may be transmitted from the eye of one person to another, but ten years passed, and another ten, and three more, and the Indians are just as we left them. A few have planted patches

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HONORING THE PILGRIMS.

DINNER OF THE BROOKLYN NEW-ENGLAND SOCIETY.

GENERAL SHERMAN TALKS ABOUT THE INDIANS AND GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS SENDS A LETTER—OTHER SPEECHES.

The New-England Society in Brooklyn honored the glorious memory of the Pilgrim Fathers by speech and song and poetry last evening. The eleventh annual dinner of the society was held in the great hall of the Art and Assembly Rooms, at No. 154 Montague-st. The attendance was large, the enthusiasm unbounded; the bill of fare was excellent, the subjects of the sentiments were fertile in suggestion, and were responded to in speeches that were eloquent, impressive, thoughtful, and witty, as well.

The programme arranged was carried out without a hitch to mar the success, and there was no cause for regret except the unavoidable absence of George William Curtis, who was expected to speak about "The Puritan of the Old Time and of the New." Mr. Curtis, however, sent a letter, in which he wrote much of what he might have spoken; and this lightened the disappointment.

William Bartlett, president of the society, presided. At his right were General W. T. Sherman, General H. W. Sloman and General O. O. Howard.

The heroes of the March to the Sea, whose attendance together was one of the remarkable features of the occasion. At his left sat Benjamin C. Silliman, the Rev. H. Price Collier, John Winslow and Mayor Chapin. At the president's table there were also Elihu Root, representing the New-England Society of the City of New-York; Rear-Admiral Braine, ex-Congressman John S. Wise, of Virginia; Calvin E. Pratt, Congressman William C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky; William T. Davis, George D. Brower, representing the St. Nicholas Society, and John C. Maguire, of the St. Patrick's Society.

Others present were E. Winslow, E. J. Knowlton, James H. Williams, Thomas A. Bigelow, E. F. Knowlton, A. B. Atkins, Joseph W. Carroll, Thomas H. Troy, James W. Smith, Dr. Cornelius Olcott, Hayden H. Batts, Oliver G. Fessenden, H. W. Wheeler, George Weldot, Thomas White, John Shaw, William H. Hill, Algernon S. Blagdon, T. M. Spelman, Alfred C. Barnes, C. N. Hoagland, Isaac H. Cary, Thomas Nelson, Jr., Edward G. Benedict, Harrington Putnam, Robert D. Benedict, N. G. Carman, Jr., Oliver W. Buckingham, Henry W. Sloman, Jr., Elihu Spicer, David Barnes, James W. Ridgway, Ernest Staples, W. S. Badger, C. B. Davenport, George H. Southard, Gates D. Fahnestock, J. W. Hyde, Auguste J. Corder, William Hester, Charles D. Burwell, Daniel Somers, Henry L. Hayden, John Tweedy, John Alden, Miles Standish, M. H. Angel, F. H. Lovell, Arthur R. Jarrett, H. B. Moore, A. de Riesenthal, Charles N. Manchester, E. A. Lamb, Chauncy Marshall, A. E. Mudge, Davenport, W. L. Vandervoort, Judge Dykman, D. S. 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